Proposal to set up Doordarshan production unit at Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh

2613. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFOR MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

da) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishing Doordarshan Production Unit at Cuddapah in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Commissioning of Doordarshan Kendra at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh

2614. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present posilion of Doordarshan Kendra of Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the civil works and installation of machinery has been completed; and

(c) if so, by when the Kendra is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) While a high power TV transmitter is already in operation at Itanagar, the construction of the building for TV studio csntre has been completed. Departmental works/including installation of equipment are in progress. The Centre is expected to be ready for commissioning during the later half or 1993-94.

Coverage of population control pro. blem by the Press

2615' SHRI KRISHAN LAL, SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a 'fact that the problem of population control in the country is receiving scant attention in the national press;

(b) whether Government have enquired into the reasons therefor; if so, te details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure a major coverage of this problem by the press?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Small, medium and big newspapers in country

2616. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of small, medium and big newspapers in country, Statewise in English and regional languages, upto 30th August, 1992 as per modified circulation criteria;

(b) whether Government are considering suitable changes in its policy for release of Government advertisements and allocation of newsprint during the current year; and

(c) what is the policy of Government to curb the monopolistic hold of big newspapers in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P.